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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMBASSY TO ENCOURAGE HOST COUNTRY  
PLEDGE TO ADVANCE THE UPTAKE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AT THE  
WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE  
(WIREC) MARCH 4-6 2008

REF: A.) STATE 563 B.) STATE 559 C.) STATE 521

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11. This is an action request. Action request in para 9.

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SUMMARY  
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12. Summary: This message provides background information on  
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how national governments can make voluntary pledges to  
accelerate the deployment of renewable energy. These  
national pledges, as well as pledges from other major  
stakeholders, are regarded as a central outcome of the  
Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC).

We plan a dedicated session at WIREC to review these  
pledges. Pledges can be made either on-line or by email.  
Appropriate Embassy officials are requested to work closely  
with their host country counterparts to encourage robust  
national pledges to be announced at, or prior, to WIREC.  
Washington agencies appreciate the strong Embassy support  
that we have received in support of WIREC. End Summary

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BACKGROUND  
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13. Background: In reftels, the Secretary invited host  
governments to send delegations to WIREC 2008, the third  
global ministerial-level event on renewable energy after Bonn  
(2004) and Beijing (2005). WIREC will serve as a global  
platform for ministers from more than 90 nations, and leaders

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from sub-national governments, the private sector and civil  
society to consider and discuss the benefits that policies  
and best practices that encourage the rapid deployment of  
renewable energy would have in their countries.

14. In the third paragraph of her invitation letter, the  
secretary invited the host government to consider making a

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voluntary pledge at WIREC &to accelerate the deployment of  
renewable energy in your country.8

15. We consider these voluntary national pledges, as well as  
pledges made by other major WIREC stakeholders, will be a  
major outcome of WIREC. We are dedicating a full session on  
the last day of WIREC to publicize and discuss the pledges  
that will comprise the Washington International Action Plan  
(WIAP). At Bonn 2004, participants pledged 197 specific

voluntary actions which collectively became known as the Bonn International Action Plan (IAP). For background on the kinds of actions pledged at Bonn which may inspire WIAP pledges, please visit the IAP website at [www.REN21.net/iap](http://www.REN21.net/iap)

¶6. The development of the Bonn pledges has been ably

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¶7. On the homepage of the USG's official WIREC2008.gov website, we have a green pledge bar prominently displayed at the top of the left hand side of the page which when clicked on provides detailed background information on the pledge process, including examples of the wide variety of pledges that governments or other major stakeholders might make. Additionally, there are instructions on how to fill out a one-page pledge template and a sample template is provided. A web address is provided for those who prefer to fill out the template on line. Alternatively, if the host government prefers to email the pledge template, there are instructions

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¶8. We want to emphasize that any pledges made prior to the start of WIREC will be held in strict confidence by the WIREC organizers. It is up to the host government to choose how and when to announce its pledge. In select cases, in the lead up to WIREC, the USG may contact a host government to ascertain if they would consider making a public announcement about their pledge prior to WIREC.

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ACTION REQUEST  
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¶9. Action request: appropriate embassy officials, including the designated WIREC POC, should work closely with appropriate host country officials and entities who are coming to WIREC to encourage them to take the internal steps needed to allow a robust, voluntary national pledge to be

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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¶10. Post questions about the WIREC pledge process can be sent to Stan Specht, WIREC action group team leader at [spechtsh@state.gov](mailto:spechtsh@state.gov).

¶11. Minimize considered.  
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